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In re: Tianqing He et al.
Application No.: 10/714,471
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For: **DEVICE AND METHODS FOR RAPID DRYING OF POROUS MATERIALS**

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Examiner: Jiping Lu

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

Sir:

This Reply Brief is filed in response to the Examiner's Answer dated March 17, 2010 (the "Examiner's Answer").

It is not believed that either an extension of time or payment of any additional fees is required, beyond those otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an additional extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(b). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Appellant will refrain from readdressing all of the deficiencies with regard to the pending rejections; instead, in the interest of brevity, Appellant incorporates herein the arguments set out in Appellant's Brief on Appeal filed February 27, 2008 (hereinafter, the "Appeal Brief"), as if set forth in their entirety. Appellant will only address herein: 1) the allegation made at pages 2-3 of the Examiner's Answer that the summary of the claimed subject matter is deficient; 2) the new ground of rejection made at pages 3-4 of the Examiner's Answer; and 3) the new arguments made at pages 12-24 of the Examiner's Answer.